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SUBJ: SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA

REFS: A) KUWAIT 3344, B) STATE 166372

1. DURING JULY 18 CALL ON CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH REPORTED SEPARATELY, I TOOK OCCASION TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION TO PLIGHT OF UNRWA AND INQUIRED WHETHER KUWAIT WOULD MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION, AS HAD ITS NEIGHBOR SAUDI ARABIA, TO ENABLE UNRWA TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES SO BADLY NEEDED NOW BY REFUGEES IN LEBANON.

2. CP ASKED WHETHER US, WHICH HE SAID WAS LOWERING LEVEL OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA, WAS SEEKING THIS FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO MAKE UP FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET INCREASING COST OF ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

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PROVIDED BY UNRWA. (CP WAS CLEARLY AWARE OF SENATE APPROPRIATION

COMMITTEE ACTION DISAPPROVING ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST FOR UNRWA.) I REMINDED CP THAT US HAS FOR YEARS BEEN MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO UNRWA AND THAT, INDEED, ADMINISTRATION WAS CURRENTLY SEEKING TO OBTAIN FROM CONGRESS AN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE THIS CALENDAR YEAR.

3. I OBSERVED THAT WE WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$10 MILLION FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND HOPED THAT KUWAIT COULD ALSO MAKE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT UNRWA IN THIS TIME OF DIRE NEED. CP SAID THAT WHEN REQUEST IS RECEIVED FROM UNRWA, GOK WILL LOOK INTO MATTER. I NOTED THAT MY UNDERSTANDING THAT LETTERS HAD BEEN SENT BY UNSYG WALT WALDHEIM IN THIS CONNECTION. CP REITERATED THAT GOK WOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO SUCH REQUEST.

4. COMMENT: I AM NOT HOPEFUL THAT CP'S STATEMENT THAT GOK WILL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THIS QUESTION WILL PRODUCE ANY MEASURABLE RESULTS, SINCE I KNOW THIS MATTER HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED BY CABINET ON BASIS OF UNSYG REQUEST. NEVERTHELESS, CABINET WILL NEXT MEET ON JULY 20 AND PERHAPS MY REMINDER MAY CAUSE SUBJECT TO BE REVIEWED AGAIN WITH MORE FAVORABLE RESULTS THAN ANTICIPATED.

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